

REMARKS

Following the final rejection of the present application on February 23, 2005, an appeal was taken and the Board of Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter "the Board") rendered a Decision on October 31, 2007 (Appeal No. 2007-1815). The Board reversed the Examiner's final rejection of Claims 1-6, 8-21, and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 in view of the Schneier reference. The Board, on the other hand, added a new ground for rejecting Claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for including the allegedly indefinite phrase, "a program capable of implementing the log file protection system." (See pages 7-8 of the Decision.) Applicants have amended the objected-to phrase to read "a program for implementing the log file protection system." Claim 25, as amended, is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and therefore is submitted to be allowable. Applicants have also amended Claim 26 to correct the lack of antecedent basis, as noted in footnote 1 in page 2 of the Decision. These amendments to Claims 25 and 26 were suggested in an explicit statement by the Board and, thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.50(c), entry of these amendments is respectfully requested. See M.P.E.P. § 1210.07.

Based on the foregoing, applicants submit that Claims 1-6, 8-21, and 23-26 of the present application are allowable, and the present application is now in condition for immediate allowance. If the Examiner should have any further issues to resolve, he is invited to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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